

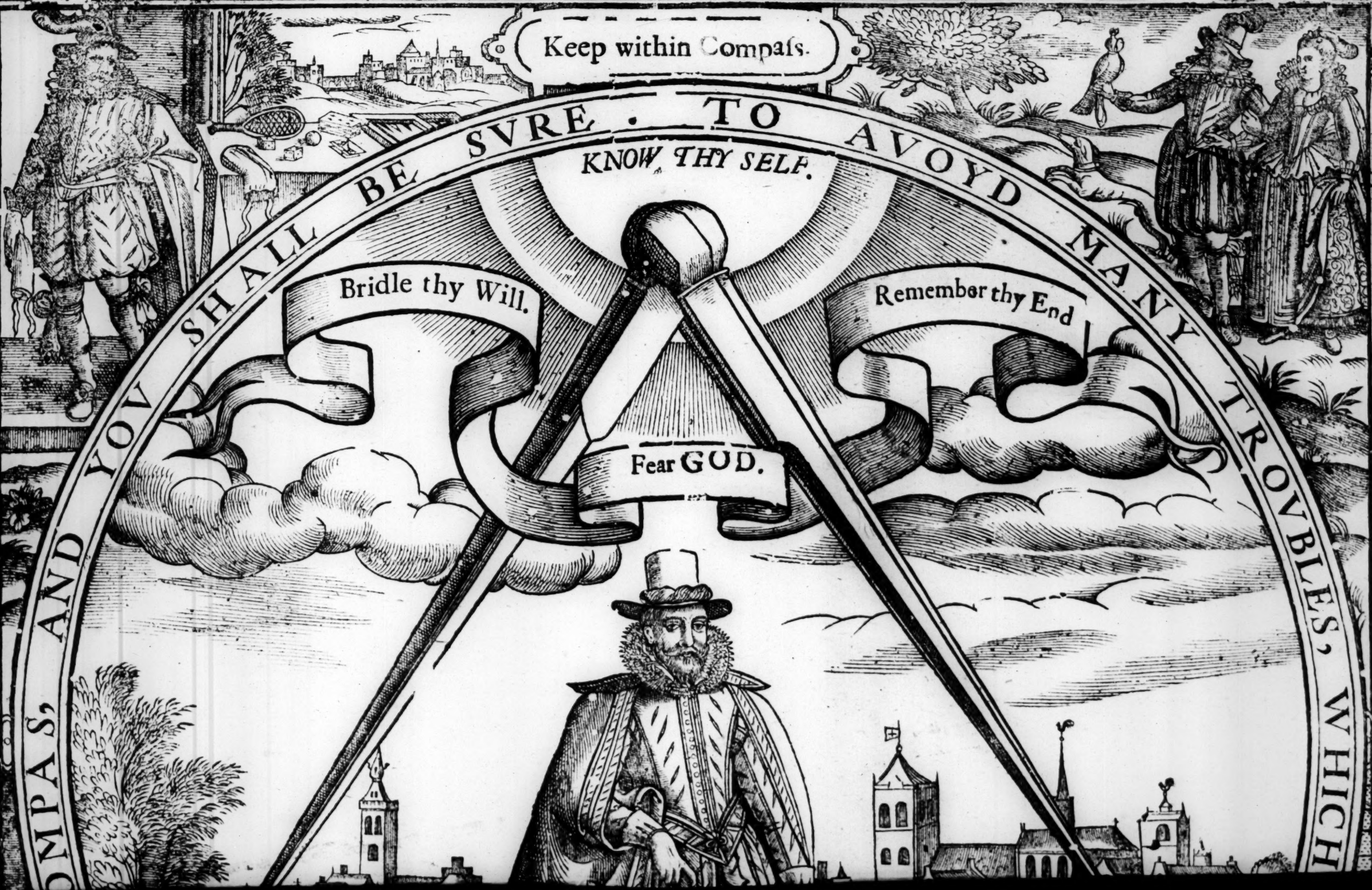
And Poverty take you in a Snare.

He that with these three out of Compass do live.

Keep within Compass.

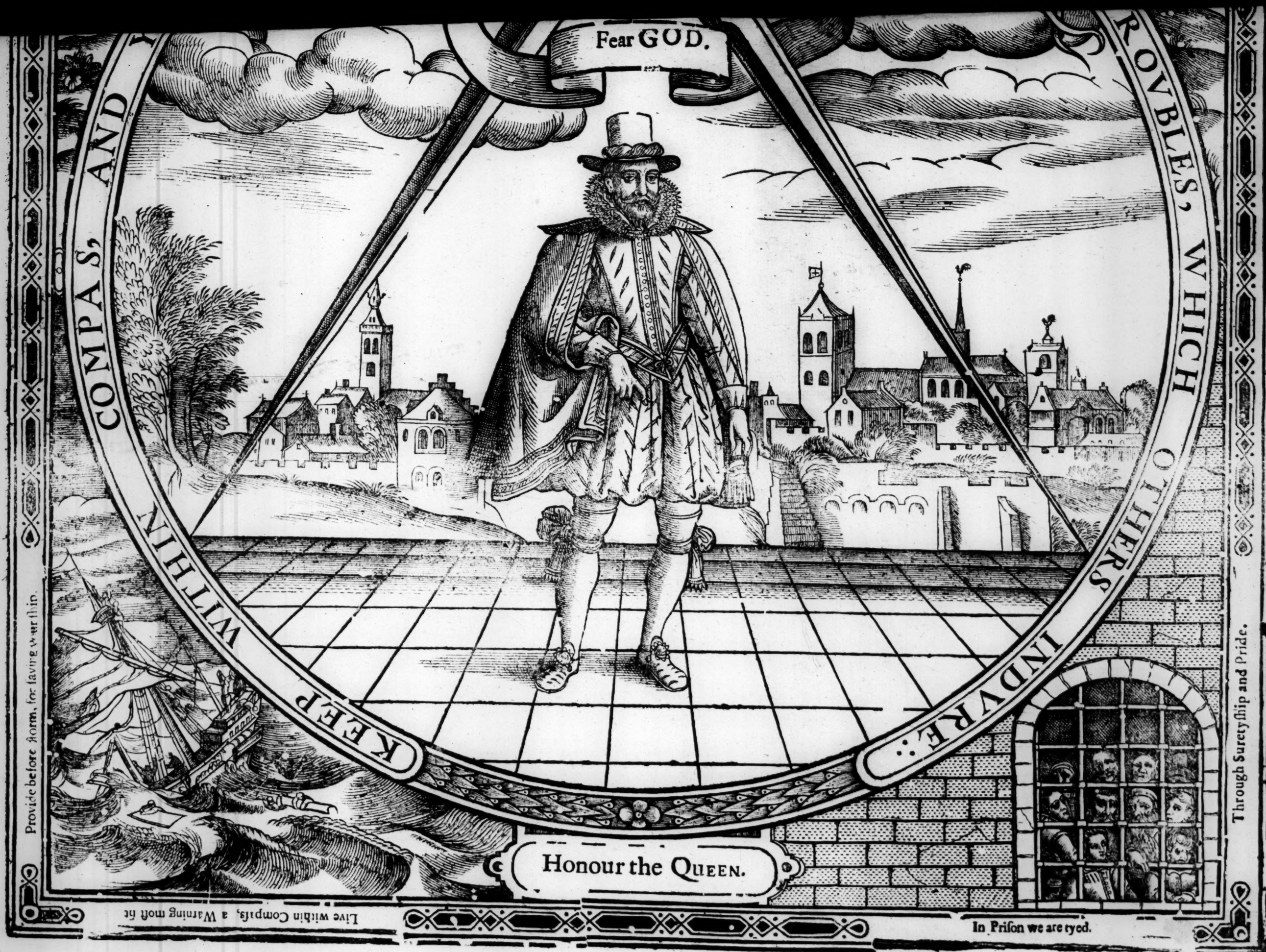
Spare Bag at brim, left bottom grow bare;

The Fool and the Begger will hang on his sleeve.



COMPASS

WHICH



THE better to supply thy want, spare what thy hands have got :
 And that thou mayst thy Penny save, suppose thou hast it not
 Keep rather Goods by Labour got, than spend till things be scant :
 In loss to work, and again, toil is still to live in want.
 Flee beastly Sloth, the bane of Life : some honest business do :
 An idle mind decays it self, and wastes the body too.
 Learn something, that if suddenly thy substance should decay,
 Thy Skill remaining may relieve thy wants another way,
 Attempt according to thy strength : close by the shore to keep ;
 It's safer than to hoist up Sails, and lanch out into the Deep.
 In midst of Plenty keep a mean ; spend not thy Goods too fast :
 Goods long in gathering, oft are seen in little time to waste.
 Who speaks thee fair, and loves thee not, like measure let him find
 So Art by Art is met withal, and Falshood by the kind.

Use what thou hast to do thee good ; but see thou make no wast ;
 Who vainly so do spend their own, seek other means at last.
 Make use of Wealth, and scorn the name of Niggard evermore :
 What good do riches to the Man that starves in midst of store ?
 Dame Nature's wealth he cannot want, that curbs his vain desires,
 And measures his Expence with what necessity requires.
 By many mens Examples learn what to embrace or flee :
 For others life in this behalf, may thine Instructor be.
 In time of Calm, and quiet Rest, remember Storms aloft :
 Again in trouble hope the best, sith Fortune altereth oft.
 Bereft of Riches sorrow not, nor vex thy self in vain :
 Be rather merry if thou mayest recover them again.
 Love Money well, but to the Stamp let not thy mind be thrall
 Which honest and religious Men do not respect at all ;

He that will contend in Law, must have a good Cause, a full Purse,
 and great Patience.
 To undertake tedious businesses to meddle with other mens matters
 and to contemn good counsel, undo many.
 Gluttony, Sloth, and Whoredom, are three Guides to poverty.



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